

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2015**

The following residents and guests signed in as present:

Martha Burton	Paul Burton	David Peters	Mitchell MacDermaid
Donna Boshell	Bob Woods	Tom Willwerth	Tom Wirth
Jeff Broaddus	Dana Sofios	Maura Jung	Kurt Jung
Mark Bolan	GE Noble	Mark Weedoit	Marilee Carstens
Dior Rushton	Linda Dagenhardt	Greg Snyder	

Other(s) present: Susan Weaver (recording secretary)

Supervisor Gambka called the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Township, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snider

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of Proposed Agenda for September 9, 2015**

**Scheib-Snider adds New Business Line Item (E) Cemetery and Flags.**

**Moved by Kemp, seconded by Trevethan, motion carried to approve the Agenda as amended.**

**Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Gambka**

**Voting No: None**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2015.**

**B. Receipt of Monthly Reports**

- Building Department
- Constable
- NOCFA
- ~~HAYA~~
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- CDBG Report

**C. Payment of Bills**

**Moved by Trevethan, seconded by Scheib-Snider, motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.**

**Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Trevethan, Gambka**

**Voting No: None**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Telephone Systems/Comcast**

Jeff Broaddus/Comcast Representative discusses current phone systems, internet, streamline systems. Mr. Broaddus explains why a Cloud based system would be beneficial in power outrageous, etc. Shows the Board the physical phone options and features. Sixty (60) day money back guarantee. Comcast assists with full set-up and programming. Miller asks if Trustees can have a line(s) forwarded to their personal cell phone(s). Comcast responds yes, many options. Thirty-six (36) month lease. Mr. Broaddus discusses pricing/proposal for service (based on current internet capability). With internet: one (1) time activation fee of \$293.25 and a \$476.80 monthly recurring fee. Without internet: one (1) time activation fee of \$293.25 and a \$383.00 monthly recurring fee.

### **B. PEG Equipment, Elan Corporation**

Mike Refalo/Elan Corporation states that Rose Township's video server currently utilizes ten (10) year old software. Currently modem works on kilobytes, the move to Comcast with new connection working at 1,000 megabytes about 10,000 times faster. Will assist with applications (video, alerts, weather, etc.). Server based system which can be changed/modified easily and on an ongoing basis. User friendly, excellent tech support. Can broadcast Board meetings live or otherwise. \$22,435.81

### **C. 204 Franklin Street, Old Township Hall Committee**

Bob Woods, states the Old Township Hall Committee was formed in May, 2015. Obtained resident ideas/suggestions for Old Township Hall. Determined steps/ramp were not up to code, basement needs to be cleaned and items placed into storage. Meetings will be discontinued until step/ramp issues are addressed/corrected.

## **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):**

Linda Dagenhardt, Resident speaks as to Township employee health benefits. Resident asks if there any other deductibles paid under current plan other than 20% employee contribution. Board responds \$2,500.00 family deductible. Resident states health insurance costs approximately \$54,000.00 for four (4) people. Discussion as to past employees receiving benefits. Supervisor Gambka explains if an employee works a certain amount of years (16), benefits are supplied and/or a stipend is received. Resident states at age 65 Medicare is available, should reconsider policy. Supervisor Gambka explains this has been addressed with the Township attorney and past employees grandfathered in, new employees do not receive. Resident asks the Board to look into this matter, payroll and health care costs approximately \$337,645.00/year. Resident states Clerk Miller is not receiving a stipend in lieu of benefits, why? Miller states she has asked and same has not been provided. Supervisor Gambka will address this issue. Resident states the Supervisor and Treasurer are never in the office and a certain amount of hours should be worked if benefits are provided. This level of benefits should require a certain amount of office hours.

Tom Willwerth, Resident states it has been previously decided that flags would be placed on designated gravesites for memorial purposes, this is not being done. The Township should be showing respect for those who served the Country and toward the flag. Board is not doing a good job.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. Dangerous Building – 4250 Wakewood Ct.**

Supervisor Gambka received a letter from the 4250 Wakewood Ct. property owners indicating the trailer will be cleaned up, this issue will remain a line item under Unfinished Business. Scheib-Snider states the property owner's letter insinuates Township harassment, should be referred to Township attorney. Supervisor Gambka states as long as progress is being made, will grant them additional time in order to avoid a lawsuit/legal trouble. Miller states property owners have not been harassed and have been given ample time by which to comply (approximately two (2) years).

**Moved by Scheib-Snider, seconded by Kemp, motion carried to approve Township Attorney drafting a letter to the owner of the property located at 4250 Wakewood Ct., stating all agreed upon repairs, a Township inspection(s) to be performed and all work will be completed within six (6) months.**

**Voting Yes: Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka**  
**Voting No: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Approval of Contractor to Repair Steps at 204 Franklin Street**

Supervisor Gambka did not receive any bids, spoke to an independent contractor who quoted \$4,000.00. Code Enforcement inspected ramp (ADA, etc.), ramp can be salvaged. Once the steps/ramp are completed can focus on interior. Scheib-Snider would like to see more than one (1) quote/bid, Township policy dictates more than one (1) are necessary.

**B. Approval of New Telephone Systems**

Miller explains there is an automatic renewal clause with the current provider. Current provider is too expensive, switching to Comcast at the best price. Due to technology changes, current phones are now obsolete.

**Moved by Scheib-Snider, seconded by Trevethan, motion carried to approve Comcast as the new Township telephone system service provider.**

**Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Gambka**  
**Voting No: None**

**C. Approval of PEG Equipment**

**Moved by Scheib-Snider, seconded by Miller, motion carried to approve Elan Corporation (PEG improvements) at a cost of \$22,435.81.**

**Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Trevethan, Gambka**  
**Voting No: None**

**D. Burnham & Flower Health Insurance – Discussion and Renewal of Health Insurance Benefits**

Trevethan spoke with representative, received a proposal, have until October to change or renew. Board will consider and review the proposal. Same program, \$500.00 deductible, -0.68% decrease.

## **E. Cemetery and Flags**

Scheib-Snider states she has researched this issue and appreciates those who serve and have served our country. Most national/local cemeteries display flags and the American Legion Hall displays flags Memorial Day (before and after). Scheib-Snider also spoke with the MTA and was informed there are no required flag display times, municipalities need to clarify guidelines. Scheib-Snider requests this matter be placed on a future Agenda. Miller states she visited several cemeteries, found flags are placed out Memorial Day, feels Rose Township is showing disrespect by not placing flags on graves. The Cemetery Committee met and this issue has been sent to Township attorney for ordinance/policy decision. Supervisor Gambka called our state senator on veteran protocol, finds this matter is generally placed in municipal ordinance(s), bring before the Board for discussion/decision.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting – September 3, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.**
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, September 1, 2015 – 7:30 p.m. - (Cancelled)**
- C. NOCFA Board Meeting – September 24, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Station #1, 5051 Grange Hall Road**
- D. Assessing Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Rose Township**
- E. Next Township Board Meeting — October 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**
- F. Cemetery Committee Meetings –TBD - Rose Township Offices**
- G. 24/7 Rose Township Recycling – 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI**

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

- A. NOCFA –** Trevethan working with attorney on new employee hand book, pending Board approval.
- B. Planning Commission –** Scheib-Snider states the Planning Commission is recommending the Board approve re-zoning request/large parcel, compliance with Master Plan, minutes will be in next month's packet.
- C. Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) –** Trevethan states HAYA working on Fill-A-Bus.
- D. Cemetery Committee –** Working on meeting date.
- E. Parks and Recreation –** Waiting to hear from OCRC.
- F. Supervisor's Report –** Supervisor Gambka states many homes are being neglected/abandoned within the Township, would like to hold property owners accountable. Slow process.

### **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – General Items NOT on Agenda (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):**

Tom Willwerth, Resident understands a resolution regarding geese/goose removal was passed on Tipsico Lake and asks the Board if the proper percentage of required signatures had been obtained (DNR guidelines). Supervisor Gambka responds signatures were not obtained. Resident states the DNR is the largest organization in the state of Michigan, residents will not support the Township when/if a class action lawsuit is filed. Resident is concerned the Supervisor used his vote to pass this resolution and should have refrained from doing so if a direct benefit and/or conflict of interest existed. Resident asks if the Township will support all property owners located on all lakes? Scheib-Snider states signatures or Board resolution were necessary. Supervisor Gambka states residents can deny access/permission to enter their property. Miller states after this resolution was passed several residents asked to see who was at this meeting, Miller provided the sign in sheet and only four at the meeting had geese. Miller is concerned that if eggs are disturbed, Geese/Swans will become aggressive. DNR has placed a hold on any bird round-up.


GE Noble, Resident asks who paid for geese/goose service, Township should not be paying for service. Resident states flag placement at cemetery was a Township custom. Compliments the Supervisor on graveling Ranch Rd., good quality and work.

Martha Burton, Resident has a friend who can provide a bid on ramps, will have them call.

Unidentified Resident states if designation and memorialization are desired, must do with flag placement. The expense is minimal; flags are placed in almost every cemetery. Miller states there is a veteran's survey provided in the office, creating a veterans service center located in Holly, Mr. Bair is ambassador.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.**

  
Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC  
Rose Township Clerk

Approved/~~Corrected~~